by insisting upon the most disgraceful thing called dearness allowance being forced to be taken by him, unless by a voluntary action of his he will refuse to touch that and save himself from that insult. The taking or the giving of dearness allowance to persons who get more than Rs. 10 per day, viz. Rs. 300 per mensem is not a justifiable thing. Before I sit down and which I am very anxious to do as early as possible because I have got other work to do on a better subject I must say this much. I heard just in the few foregoing moments certain observations one of which was that it was made by the Hon'ble Congressite Premier that disclosure of official papers or official notes should not be claimed to be disclosed. I have noted your words and that was the effect of the cutting and penetrating observations cooly and deliberately made by the leader of the opposition.

Mr. Parambi Lonappen *(Irinjalakkuda):* Not cutting at all.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (*Vadakkancheri*): You do not know when and where it cuts. Otherwise these observations would not have been given. Now what does it come to, Sir. None in this House has got the right to disclose official papers. That is his mind, and it should not be claimed to be disclosed. Therefore Sir, it means that any paper in the Record Office of the Secretariat can be utilised by any one of these four Hon'ble Ministers, for what, not for defending the Government position for which they are there; but for defending oneself. Is not the attempt made by the Premier, yesterday, the other day, Sir, to protect the Government. Therefore sir, the disclosure of papers unless it be in answer to a question which the President allows and the Government do not find reasonable objection in disclosing, unless it be for such a solitary purpose let not a single paper in the Secretariat be disclosed. The day before yesterday will be the last occasion when that unfortunate incident took place and will be forgotten for ever. I took exception of the statement made by the leader of the oppsition that 'I am indifferent as to what the Ministers or the President get as salary or T. A. or D. A.' is a very poor opposition to be taken up by the leader of the opposition. You ought to be very particular about what our representatives, our Ministers should get by way of T. A. or D. A. or other emoluments and you in your capacity as the leader of the opposition should be more particular about what are the emoluments of our President.—As repeated by me this morning that he is the custodian of the rights and privileges of this House which unfortunately are shattered to pieces as events have shown now Sir. I know you will not profit. Therefore save us from him and let us have another leader of opposition so that he may function there, that august seat, that near seat, that responsible seat as the leader of opposition who ought to behave not by making indifferent statemcns but by making careful statements. I therefore request the leader of His Highness the Maharaja's Government's opposition to oppose this motion in the fair name of the President whose seat is the second seat in the Realm. In the name of that I oppose Sir, by simply saying 'I oppose'. I have nothing more to add.

Mr. President: The Motion before the House is that the Payment of Salaries Act (Amendment) Bill be finally passed.

Motion put and carried.

(2) NON OFFICIAL BILLS

1. The Cochin free compulsory Primary Education Bill

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (*Vadakkancheri*): Mr. President, I move that the Cochin Free Compulsory Primary Education Bill be taken up and passed.

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon (*Constitutional Adviser*): I second the motion.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (*Vadakkancheri*) I am much obliged. Now Sir, the fear I had in my mind has been disillusioned by that most beautiful and perfunctory performance of the Constitutional Adviser of the Government, who is a Government Member in seconding this motion. Otherwise I had reasons to think not from what transpired between us in prvate talk, no Sir, I am not the man who use such things but from my experience I had in the year 1112 when I had to move for the third reading an almost identical Bill and the suprise of all surprise Sir, was the able spokesman of the Government for everything important in this Government to-day was the person who opposed the third reading of the Bill with all the vehemence at his command, marshalling arguments like a clever lawyer he was and he will continue to be as such. I request him to come this side by even resigning because we have reached a stage when men like him are wanted.....

LIBRARY ARCHIVES Kerala Legislative Assembly

Mr. President : The Education Bill.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: I am referring to the Hon'ble Member who seconded it and the cleverness that he had and the disillusionment of our fears that I had. I am perfectly relevant, if you rule otherwise.....

Mr. President : No ruling.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: I am glad on everything. Therefore this pleasure which is due especially of the present setting of Government, I was sure of adult franchise because of the changes in the Government are so evident, that what is sure to-day are not sure to-morrow....

Mr. P. Govinda Menon *(Prime Minister)*: That has been decided.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: I submit that in the present setting where we have reasonable hopes of adult franchise election whether as a promise by the end of Edavam or as feared will be later.....

Mr. P. Govinda Menon *(Prime Minister)*: You will be disillusioned as now.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: I submit, that this is the *sine qua non* of adult franchise, not a preparation of adult franchise one of the methods for which is the universal compulsory primary education which I observed at the second reading stage and up to the 7th standard at least should be given for a long number of years before you think of adult franchise.

Mr. P. Govinda Menon *(Prime Minister)*: May I ask the Hon'ble Member what the suggestion is regarding the Bill.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: You have to wait patiently to be informed of it.

Mr. President : I mean that the Bill is to be taken up and finally passed and there is an Adjournment motion on.....

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: Yes, Sir, I am to speak on the adjournment motion at 3-30.

Mr. President : That is not the point. We have got some other bills also.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: You can extend the Council for which I have.....

Mr. President : That is a different matter.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: I submit, Sir, that support to a measure like this ought to have been extended by the Government as early as 1112 or I would say it was the imperative duty of the Government at least soon after the census report not of 1941 but of 1931 prepared by no less a person than the late Mr. T. K. Krishna Menon who has written in paragraph.....

Mr. Puthur Achutha Menon *(Kattur)*: Not Mr. Krishna Menon, but Mr. Sankara Menon.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: Thank you for the correction. While dealing with the percentage and the necessity for the introduction of compulsory primary education as a basis for adult franchise as early as 1931 he had observed: The Government of those days failed to come forward. The Government of subsequent days when poor me brought forward a bill 12 years back, at the third reading of which it was torpedoed. There were reasons for that because the next year was 1113 election, where my esteemed friend Mr. T. K. Nayar along with 17 others was not allowed to have allowed. Now I am extremely glad therefore that at this distance when you are just on the eve of the introduction of the adult franchise election at least, the changed Government of the day with its defects in this line has taken up the attitude to support. I have done. I move that the Bill be taken up and finally passed.

Motion, put and carried

2. The Cochin Verumpattamdars (Condonation of Forfeiture) Bill

Mr. K. T. Achuthan *(Ezhuvas-Mukundapuram)*: I have got only 5 minutes in which time this stage must be over. I move that the Cochin Verumpattamdars Condonation of Forfeiture Bill be read in Council. In doing so, I beg to inform that the Bill includes only one section mainly to give some relief to the agriculturists who were not able to comply with the provisions of the Verumpattamdars Act in paying arrears of pattam on the due date. During the period which does not come within the purview of the Proclamation if any verumpattamdar who was not

LIBRARY ARCHIVES Kerala Legislative Assembly